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SUBJECT: AIR SUPPORT FOR INDIAN OCEAN TASK GROUP OPERATIONS

1. AN INTEGRAL PART OF CURRENT INDIAN OCEAN TASK GROUP OPERATIONS IS LAND BASED AVIATION SUPPORT. THIS ENCOMPASSES OCEAN SURVEILLANCE CONDUCTED BY P-3 TYPE PATROL AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT BY C141/C130 AIRCRAFT TO AN AIRFIELD IN THE OPERATING AREA FOR TRANSSHIPMENT TO THE TASK GROUP VIA CARRIER C1/C2 AIRCRAFT OR SUPPORT SHIPS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE USE OF AN AIRFIELD IN THE VICINITY OF THE ARABIAN SEA IS AN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT. FYI. CURRENTLY BANDAR ABBAS, IRAN, IS UTILIZED FOR ALL SHORE BASED AVIATION SUPPORT IN THE ARABIAN SEA. DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE AIR FACILITIES FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY IN ORDER NOT TO JEOPARDIZE THE IRANIAN POLITICAL

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POSITION IN INDIAN OCEAN AFFAIRS. END FYI. AFTER A PRE-LIMINARY STUDY OF OPERATIONAL SUITABILITY OF ALTERNATE SUP-

PORT POINTS, ASMARA AIRFIELD (YOHANNES IV) APPEARS TO BE THE BEST OPERATIONAL CHOICE AMONG ETHIOPIAN FIELDS WITH HARAR MEDA (DEBRA ZEIT) AS A SECOND POSSIBILITY.

2. DRAWING ON ABOVE, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO RAISE WITH IEG THE POSSIBILITY OF USING YOHANNES IV FROM TIME TO TIME WHEN TASK GROUP IS IN THE AREA WITH A VIEW TOWARD A PERMANENT

ARRANGEMENT FOR P3/EP3, CARRIER-ON-BOARD DELIVERY (COD) AND

OTHER LOGISTIC AIRCRAFT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SURVEILLANCE, ASW, AIR LOGISTICS AND EMERGENCY DIVERT SUPPORT FOR THE INDIAN OCEAN TASK GROUP. WE ENVISION APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE P3/EP3 FLIGHTS PER DAY WOULD BE SCHEDULED TO ORIGINATE OR STAGE THROUGH YOHANNES IV FOR REFUELING AND PERIODIC OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS WHILE CONDUCTING OCEAN SURVEILLANCE IN THE ARABIAN SEA, RED SEA, GULF OF ADEN , APPROXIMATELY ONE C141/C130 FLIGHT PER WEEK, AUTHORIZATION FOR DAILY COD FLIGHTS AND USE OF THE AIRFIELD FOR EMERGENCY CARRIER AIRCRAFT DIVERT SUPPORT ONLY IN THE STRICTEST INTERPRETATION OF THE TERM EMERGENCY. THE OPERATION COULD INVOLVE THE PRESENCE OF APPROXIMATELY 65 AIR CREW AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL, ONE TO FIVE AIRCRAFT AT THE AIRFIELD DURING ANY GIVEN PERIOD (NORMALLY ONE TO TWO AIRCRAFT) AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR 20,000 GALLONS OF AVIATION FUELS (PRIMARILY JP4/5) PER DAY. THE SUBJECT OF THE USE OF KAGNEW FACILITIES TO SUPPORT THIS POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT WILL BE CONSIDERED SUBSEQUENTLY. THIS COULD HAVE SOME IMPACT ON THE TIMING RELATED TO THE TURNOVER OF CERTAIN EXISTING FACILITIES TO THE IEG. KISSINGER

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